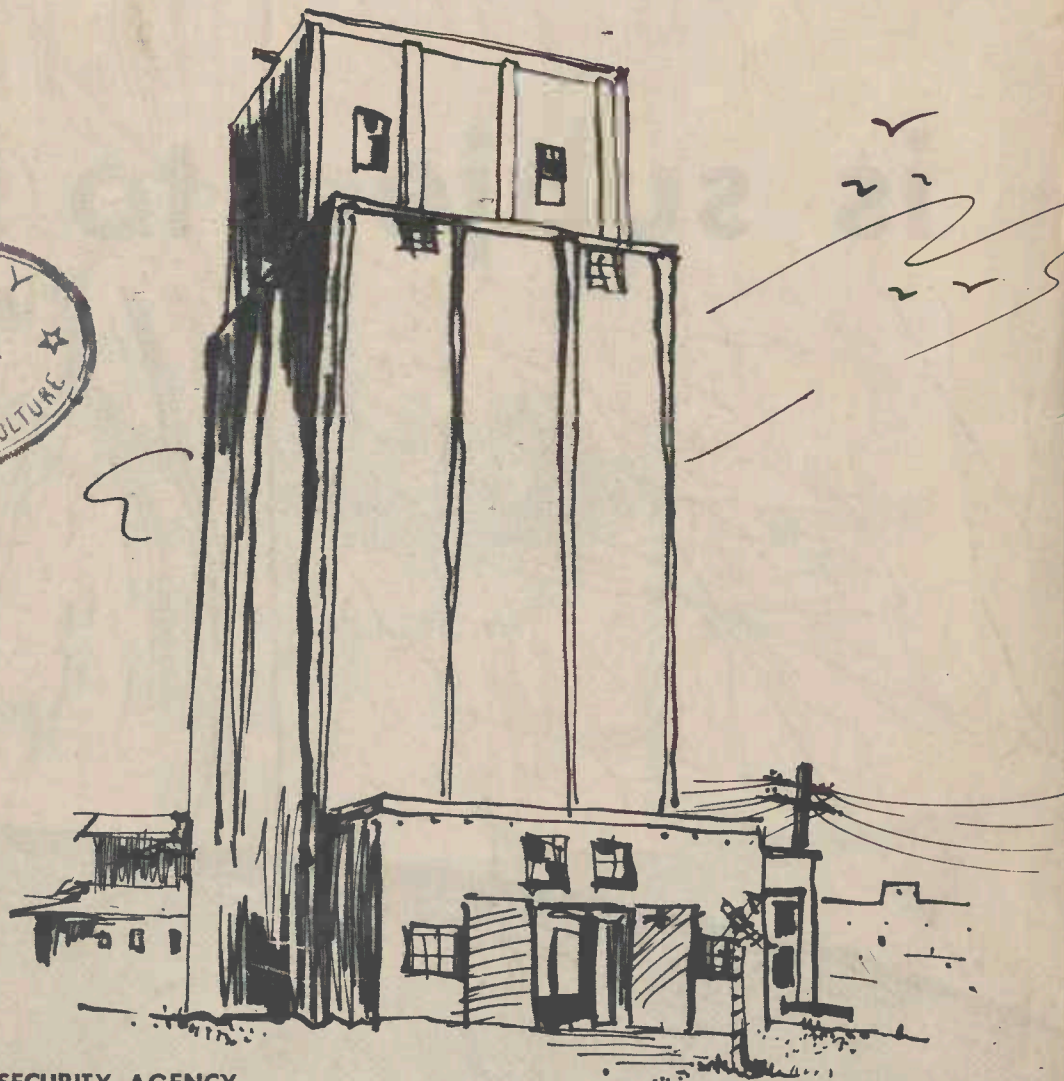
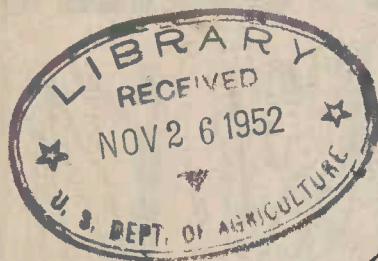


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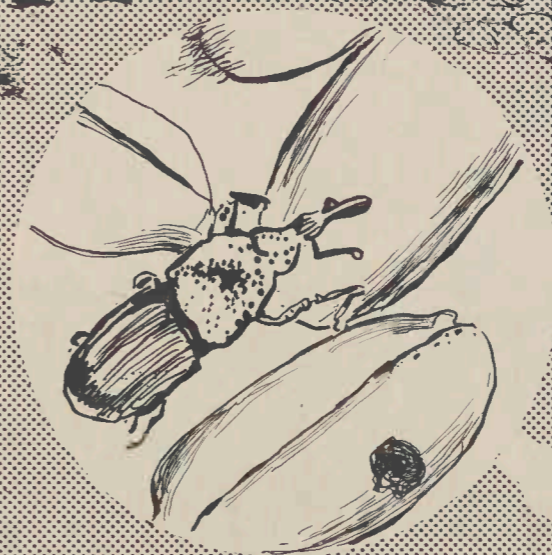
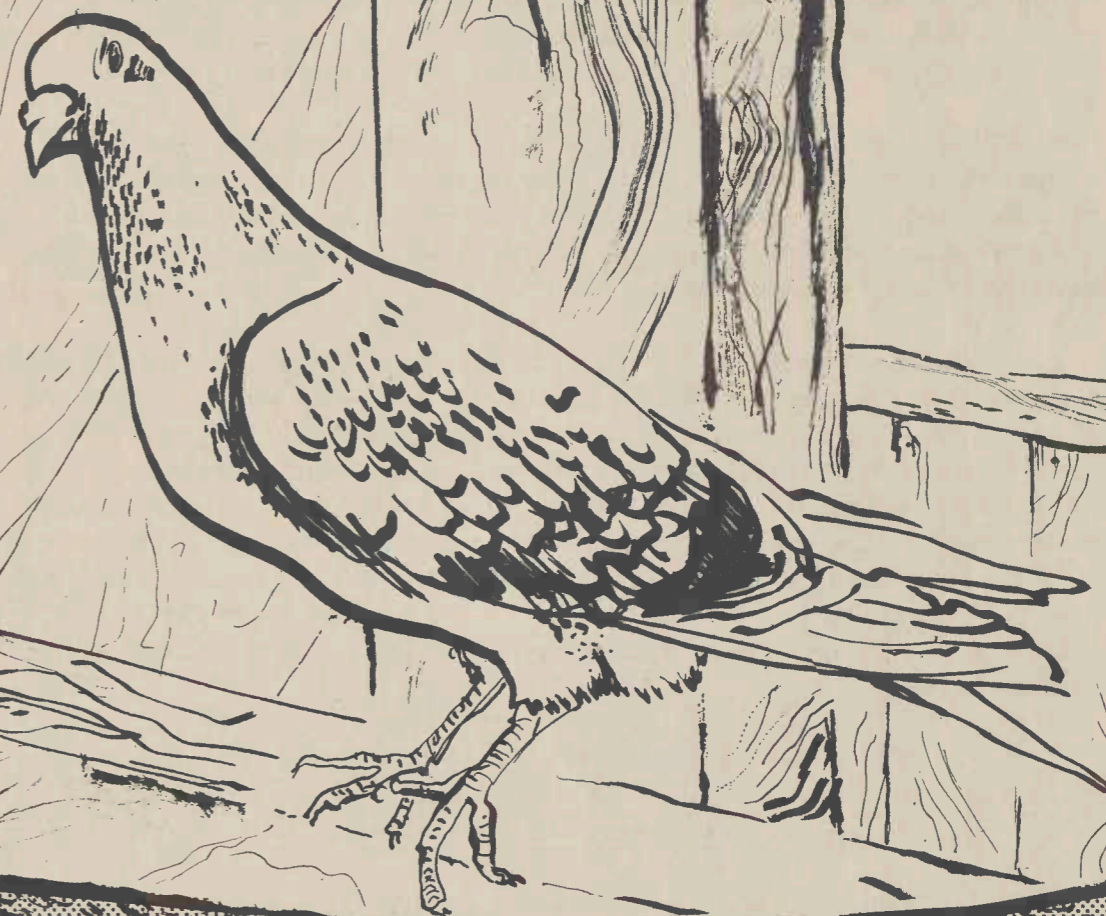
COOPERATING

- FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
Food and Drug Administration
- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
- DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
(Rodent and Bird Control)

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**this grain**

**is subject to seizure!**



## Grain Is Food -- Keep It Clean!

Present practices in the harvesting, storage and marketing of grain are making it difficult for millers to get clean grain (grain free of insects, rodent pellets, or bird droppings) for milling into flour and cereal products. In the past the Food and Drug Administration of the Federal Security Agency has looked to the millers and bakers to keep such food products clean. Recent research by the Food and Drug Administration in cooperation with the Millers National Federation demonstrated that rodent and insect contamination is due more to careless storage on the farm or in the elevator, than to insanitation of the mills and bakeries. FDA is now turning to the community elevators and farmers to eliminate contamination at the source.

This season pure food inspectors are beginning to inspect elevators and cooperate with the operators to eliminate sources of contamination. As this storage sanitation program gains momentum, you can expect grain handlers to become increasingly critical of the condition of the grain they buy for conversion into food products.

Insects, rodents and birds that get into stored grain cause enormous losses. They waste the nation's food and eat away your profits. You can help yourself, and your country, by making sure that all the grain you store and handle is clean grain. Insects can spread into sound grain that is stored in infested or unprotected bins; that is mixed with contaminated grain; or that is not treated at the proper time to halt insect infestation. Grain stored near feed supplies can easily become infested by insects in the feed. A truckload of insect-infested grain from the farm can contaminate the entire storage capacity of a large elevator, and make the grain stored there suitable only for livestock feed.

Food stored under insanitary conditions or containing  
filth is subject to seizure under food and drug laws.  
Shippers are liable to prosecution and injunction.

The Federal laws, and in many cases State laws, require that food grains be clean and be stored under conditions that protect them from filth. This means protection against rodents and birds that contaminate grain with droppings, hair, and feathers, and against insects which make grain equally unwholesome.

Keep the rats and mice out with better storage construction. Poison  
and trap rodents and clean up places where they may hide and live.

Keep insects out. Fumigate old stored grain. Clean out bins before filling them with new grain. Prevent infestations on the premises. Practice good housekeeping.

Screen out birds and poultry.

REMEMBER -- "GRAIN IS FOOD -- KEEP IT CLEAN"